

WIDOW OF HENRY WALTHALL.

DECEMBER 12, 1856.

Mr. K. MILLER, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Walthall, report:

That it satisfactorily appears to your committee that the petitioner is the worthy widow of a revolutionary soldier, is now old, infirm, and dependent upon her own feeble exertions for support, and the small stipend or gratuity of \$24 per annum which she receives from the United States, as the widow of Henry Walthall, for his services in the war of the revolution, is entirely inadequate for her present support. It further appears that she is too poor and destitute of means to procure the proofs to establish her right to the bounty land conferred upon the widows of revolutionary soldiers under the land bounty laws, to which she is clearly entitled, as shown by the amount of the annuity she receives. She prays that her pension be so increased as to render her declining years free from the want of common necessities of life, and that she be made a participant of the provisions of the land bounty act in force, without the usual formalities, she being so circumstanced as to be unable to procure the requisite proofs of her husband's services.

Your committee being impressed with the truthfulness of her story, the reasonableness of her request, and the equitable claim a necessitous widow of a soldier of the revolution has upon her country *in extremis*, they report a bill accordingly.

